



Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 19-23 without traverse.

Please amend claims 1-3, 6, 9-13 and 16 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]):

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of inlaying a design into a laminate sheet and bonding the inlaid laminate sheet to a core structure, comprising:

cutting an ~~inlay design~~ **aperture** out of a first laminate sheet ~~leaving an inlay aperture~~;

cutting a congruent insert from a second laminate sheet to be placed in the ~~inlay~~ aperture of the first laminate sheet;

placing ~~aligning~~ the congruent insert in the ~~inlay~~ aperture **of the first laminate sheet**;

securing the congruent insert in place in the ~~inlay~~ aperture **of the first laminate sheet**;

placing the first laminate sheet with the congruent insert secured in the ~~inlay~~ aperture **of the first laminate sheet** over a core structure; and

laminating the first ~~laminating~~ laminate sheet with and the congruent insert secured in the ~~inlay~~ aperture of the first laminate sheet to the core structure using heat and pressure.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first laminate sheet and the second laminate sheet are different from one another in at ~~least~~ least one material characteristic.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the at ~~least~~ least one material characteristic is color.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one material characteristic is a surface property.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the surface property is the coefficient of friction.

6. (Currently amended) The method of inlaying of claim 1, wherein cutting the ~~inlay design~~ aperture out of the first laminate sheet is accomplished using the same method as cutting the congruent insert out of the second laminate sheet.

7. (Original) The method of inlaying of claim 6, wherein the cutting is done using a die cut operation.

8. (Original) The method of inlaying of claim 1, wherein the first and second laminate sheets are made from a polymer material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polystyrene, polypropylene, and polyvinylchloride

9. (Currently amended) The method of inlaying of claim 1, wherein securing the congruent insert in the ~~inlay~~ aperture of the first sheet includes taping the congruent insert in place.

10. (Currently amended) The method of inlaying of claim 1, wherein laminating the first laminating laminete sheet and the congruent insert to the core structure includes feeding the core structure[,] ~~and the first laminate sheet[,]~~ and the congruent insert through a roll-press-laminating device.

11. (Currently amended) A method of inlaying a design into a laminate sheet and bonding the inlaid laminate sheet to a core structure, comprising:

cutting an ~~inlay design~~ aperture out of a first laminate sheet creating a first insert ~~and leaving a first inlay aperture in the first laminate sheet;~~

cutting a congruent second insert from a second laminate sheet to be placed in the ~~first inlay~~ aperture of the first laminate sheet leaving a[n] ~~second inlay~~ aperture in the second laminate sheet;

placing aligning the first insert in the ~~second inlay~~ aperture of the second laminate sheet and placing aligning the ~~second~~ congruent second insert in the ~~first inlay~~ aperture of the first laminate sheet;

securing the first insert in place in the ~~second inlay~~ aperture of the second laminate sheet and securing the congruent second insert in place in the ~~first inlay~~ aperture of the first laminate sheet;

placing the first laminate sheet with the second congruent insert secured in the first inlay aperture over a first core structure, and placing the second laminate sheet with the first insert secured in the second inlay aperture over a second core structure; and

laminating the first laminating laminete sheet and the congruent second insert to the first core structure using heat and pressure and laminating the second laminating

laminate sheet and the first insert to the second core structure using heat and pressure.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the first laminate sheet and the second laminate sheet are different from one another in at least least one material characteristic.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the at least least one material characteristic is color.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one material characteristic is a surface property.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the surface property is the coefficient of friction.

16. (Currently amended) The method of inlaying of claim 11, wherein cutting the inlay design aperture out of the first laminate sheet is accomplished using the same method as cutting the congruent second insert out of the second laminate sheet.

17. (Original) The method of inlaying of claim 16, wherein the cutting is done using a die cut operation.

18. (Original) The method of inlaying of claim 11, wherein the first and second laminate sheets are made from a polymer material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polystyrene, polypropylene, and polyvinylchloride.

Claims 19-23 (Cancelled).